GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:167
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2007
PLYING OF HIGH SPEED BULLET TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are contemplating to ply high speed bullet trains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways have conducted any technical study in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether some State Governments particularly Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, have also sent proposals to the Railways in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.167 BY SHRI KIREN RIJIJU AND PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.08.2007 REGARDING PLYING OF HIGH SPEED BULLET TRAINS

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per the Budget speech 2007-08, it was announced that Ministry of Railways will conduct pre- feasibility studies for construction of high speed passenger corridors, equipped with state of the art signaling and train control systems, for running high speed trains at speeds of 300 to 350 kms per hour; one each in the Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern regions of the country.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): In this regard, various State Governments were approached by Railways to find out their willingness for participating in pre-feasibility studies. Government of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have agreed 'in principle' to participate in any pre-feasibility studies.

(i) State Government of Karnataka has suggested following corridors for pre-feasibility studies:

- Bangalore − Hubli

- Bangalore − Mysore.

(ii) State Government of Andhra Pradesh suggested following corridors for pre-feasibility studies:

- Hyderabad - Dornakal-Visakhapatnam

- Hyderabad - Dornakal-Vijayawada

-Vijayawada - Chennai

-Vijayawada - Visakhapatnam

- Hyderabad - Bangalore

(g): Meetings with State Governments have been held for participation in conducting pre-feasibility studies. State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have shown their interest in this proposal and have given 'in principle' approval to participate in pre-feasibility studies. Action will be taken to conduct pre-feasibility studies in consultation with State Governments.